



# St. Paul's EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CHRIST THE KING

The Rev. Javier Almendárez-Bautista  
Celebrant and Homilist

HOLY EUCHARIST  
9:00 A.M. SERVICE  
NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

Processional

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Hymn 544

## Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

*The Celebrant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

*And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria

Glory to God

Hymnal S 278

(Organ)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, — and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. — 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and  
 Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise — you for your glo -  
 ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, — Lord God,  
 Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
 you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.  
 (Organ)  
 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus  
 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**Collect of the Day**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
 People *And also with you.*  
 Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Children’s Processional**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Hymn 405

*Verse 1*

*Children’s Chapel is for children 3 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.*

**First Reading**

Ezekiel 32:11-16, 20-24

A Reading from Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Reader The Word of the Lord.  
 People *Thanks be to God.*

**Psalms of the Day**

Psalm 100

- 1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; \*  
 serve the LORD with gladness  
 and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; \*  
 he himself has made us, and we are his;  
 we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
 go into his courts with praise; \*  
 give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
- 4 For the LORD is good;  
 his mercy is everlasting; \*  
 and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

**Second Reading**

Ephesians 1:15-23

A Reading from Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.***Gradual**

Come, Thou Almighty King

Hymn 365

**Gospel**

Matthew 25:31-46

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

People The Gospel of the Lord.  
*Praise to you, Lord Christ.***Homily**

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**Nicene Creed***All who are able, stand.*

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

**Prayers of the People**People's Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.***Confession of Sin***The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All who are able, kneel. Minister and People*

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and*

BCP 360

forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

**Peace**

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People And also with you.

**Announcements**

*If you would like to donate online, follow the QR code found on the giving card in the back of the pews.*

*At the end of the announcements, you are also welcome to come forward to make a special donation to Heifer International, a non-profit organization whose mission is to end hunger and poverty, to mark an anniversary, blessing, or other event.*

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**Offertory**

At the Name of Jesus  
St. Paul's Choir

Richard Waters

**Offertory Response**

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.

**Eucharistic Prayer B**

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*The people remain standing.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
People And also with you.  
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.  
People We lift them to the Lord.  
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant proceeds.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

**Sanctus**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Hymnal S 128

(organ)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

(organ)

Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us

out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

### Memorial Acclamation

*Celebrant and People*

*We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;*

*The Celebrant then continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray to you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *AMEN.*

*The Celebrant then continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### Lord's Prayer

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*People and Celebrant*

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

### Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

#### Fraction Anthem

Christ Our Passover

Hymnal S 154

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Communion

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All are welcome to come forward for communion, including children. Please follow the ushers' guidance as you come to the rail.*

*If you would like to receive the wine by intinction (dipping the bread in the cup), keep the bread in your hands and wait for the communion server to come to you.*

*If you would like to receive from the common cup (drinking from the cup directly), please consume the bread first and then make your way to the steps at the end of the rail. A communion server will be there with the common cup.*

*If it is not your custom to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms across your chest and the minister will offer a prayer.*

A priest is also available to provide prayers for healing in the back southwest corner of the church. Simply head to the back during communion distribution and wait for your turn.

**Communion Music**

King of Glory, King of Peace  
The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Hymn 382  
Hymn 645

If you are at home or otherwise unable to take communion, you may say the following prayer.

**Spiritual Communion Prayer**

*In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.*

**Final Prayer**

*Celebrant and People*

*Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food as we hear your Word proclaimed and gather at your holy Table. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

**Blessing**

**Recessional**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hymn 460

**Dismissal**

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Postlude**

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birthday of Bob Frey, Melissa and Haley Burgess, and Abigail Frey; and in memory of Terry Hunt by Ann Hunt.

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## NOVEMBER 26, 2023

**New to St. Paul's?** Please let us know you are here by filling out a visitor card in the pew. Stop by our Welcome Station in the narthex (lobby) to chat with Greeters and find materials that might help if you are new to St. Paul's or the Episcopal Church. Contact Mary Kintz, our Community Connector, at [mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org](mailto:mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org) to learn more.

**Children's Chapel:** Children ages 3 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to process to Children's Chapel during the 9 a.m. service and return to their families during announcements.

**Coffee Hour (Parish Hall):** Hosted this week by the St. Nicholas Ministry and Children's Ministries. Join us after the 9 a.m. service for fresh baked cookies and card-making! All are welcome to join the fun.

**Adult Formation (Chapel, 10:15-11 a.m.):** No programming today. Our Advent series "Waiting with the Great Cloud of Witnesses" begins on December 3.

**Children's Sunday School (Education Building):** No classes this morning, but you are invited to join us for cookies and card-making from 10:15-11 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Newcomers welcome.

**Youth Sunday School (Youth Wing):** No classes this morning, but you are invited to join us for cookies and card-making from 10:15-11 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Newcomers welcome.

**Episcopal Youth Community (EYC):** No EYC this evening; join us next Sunday from 5-7 p.m. in the Youth Wing.

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Newcomer Tour:** Those new or newly returned to St. Paul's who wish to know more can join a tour of our campus on the third Sunday of the month at 10:15 a.m. No sign up is necessary; meet at the welcome station in the narthex (lobby).

**Pledges for 2024 Giving:** If you have not yet responded to our 2024 Stewardship campaign and you intend to give, please do so! Follow up phone calls will begin soon. Pledge forms can be found in the narthex, and the website has more information about ways to give. Contact the church office at 919-467-1477 for more information.

**Fresh Baked Cookies and Card Making:** Join with families in the Parish Hall this morning during coffee hour to munch on cookies and make Christmas cards! The Children's Ministries Committee will share your cards with friends from our outreach ministries (R4R, Glenaire and others). Enjoy some treats while sharing your creativity with others! Our St. Nicholas Ministry will also be available to chat about their work.

**St. Nicholas Day:** The St. Nicholas Tree is in the narthex, ready for you to select tags and do your shopping! As a reminder, all gifts should be brought to the church on or before December 3, when St. Nicholas makes his annual visit to St. Paul's at the 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services. More details are available on the website, or by contacting Colette Hibberd at [hibberdfamily@yahoo.com](mailto:hibberdfamily@yahoo.com).

**Wednesday Evening Contemplative Services in Advent:** Join the clergy in the St. Paul's Chapel at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, beginning November 29, for a contemplative Eucharist service. We will use the readings for Advent as our guide and have ample time for meditation and reflection.

**Donate a Christmas Poinsettia:** Donate a poinsettia for our Christmas services to honor the special people in your life! Christmas poinsettia envelopes are available now in the pews. Fill out the envelope with your name and the information about your loved one(s), noting whether it is given in memory of or in thanksgiving for them. Enclose \$35 per plant; drop the envelope in the collection plate or in the office by December 10; plants may be taken home after the Christmas Day 10 a.m. service.

**Note in the Pocket Clothing Drive:** Please help our Pre-EYC (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders) support Note in the Pocket by donating gently used clothing and shoes as well as new socks and underwear, now through December 17. All sizes (infant-adult) of garments are needed. The donation bin is located in the church hallway near the choir room.

**Lessons and Carols:** Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 10 at 4 p.m. as the St. Paul's Choir and the Bells of St. Paul's present the traditional Anglican service of Advent Lessons and Carols, directed by Minister of Music Rusty McKinney. A light reception will follow the service, presented by the Fellowship Events Team. Invite friends and plan to join us for this beautiful, peaceful celebration in Advent.

**Prayer List:** Dave, Walt, Bob, Peggy, Christa, Ann, Vickie, Ann, Wendy, Clarence and Susan, Jodi, Lynn, Laura, Margaret, Ava, Millie, Mary Jo, Sally, Bob, Thomas, Coby, Mary, Cindy, Nancy, Virginia, Daija, Lindsey, Des, Megan, Mary, Christine, Lizzie, Kathy, Russell, Alton, Doug, Jill, Jane and Roger, Guy, Cody, Margie, Katie, Michael, Jule, Janet, Ron, Liz, Cathy, Alan, John, Jessica, Nancy, Robert, Dianne, Sherry, John, Mary, Alison, and Eloise.

If you have a name you would like to include on the prayer list, or a ministry event that you would like to announce in this printed bulletin, please send information to [announcements@stpaulscary.org](mailto:announcements@stpaulscary.org). Please note that there is a 2-week lead time on printed announcements.



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